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Note from Ecology: Comments based on the March 6, 2003 Area-Wide Task Force meeting.

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To: Hooper, Dawn A.
Cc: Steve Kelley (E-mail)
Subject: Draft Task Force Recommendations

Hello Dawn,

I have had a chance to look over the draft Task Force recommendations that are going out for public comment. I know I am coming in at the middle of this process with Mr. Martin retiring, but I had a question on the funding. I note there is a place holder for both funding estimates and sources. As you can imagine, this is a huge issue for Asarco, one that could very easily bring an end to the company.

Can you fill me in on where that issue is? Are there any rough estimates at all for costs? Any other sources being considered for the Puget Sound region for arsenic and lead contamination in the area's soils other than Asarco, either for funding sources or sources for the contamination?

I appreciate any help with this. You are welcome to call me at the numbers listed below if you would prefer.

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